

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

I believe I am especially vulnerable as my internet service provider is AOL and I have a cable connection through Time Warner (the only cable connection available as it operates under a monopoly granted by local governments). I try to counter this by subscribing to CBC news online but I really don't have time to be searching all over for unbiased news sources. There is no reason to weaken the cable ownership cap; corporate profits should not take precedence over our rights to information.